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1 MS. FALK: My name is Vera Falk. I'm here today speaking as a grandmother and a mother. I'm not
only concerned about the future generations of my own family, but of all people. I also have a lot of
feeling about taking the radioactive waste out to Nevada and putting it in the laps of the Native
Americans. The Western Shoshone nation has never seceded their land at Yucca Mountain. We are
disregarding their rights, their health and their environment.

2 I urge you to reconsider your proposal to send these incredibly dangerous materials away from reactors
out into the rush-hour traffic of major cities along the interstate highways. Radioactive waste would be
shipped through more than 100 cities with populations over 100,000, including St. Louis City and
3 County. Sending them by rail would also involve risks. We have all read newspaper accounts of fiery
train wrecks, tractor-trailer collisions, increasing road rage and acts of terrorism. Cities and towns and
rural communities along every proposed route would have to equip and train local emergency response
teams, hospital staff, police and school officials to deal with such a major nuclear catastrophe.

4 So much has already been said about the appropriateness of Yucca Mountain as a disposal site, but I beg
you to look at the material that has been presented regarding the earthquakes and the potential
5 contamination of the ground water. This country has avoided confronting the problems caused by our
nuclear power and nuclear weapons technology for more than 50 years. The first positive step would be
to stop producing more radioactive waste. Thank you.